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5th Annual Bluegrass Camp set for July 6 - 8

The fifth annual Missouri River Bluegrass Camp will be held Wednesday evening, Thursday and Friday, July 6 - 8, at North Dakota's scenic Cross Ranch State Park near Washburn. The camp precedes the 15th annual Missouri River Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival and provides instruction on acoustic guitar, mandolin, 5-string banjo, fiddle and acoustic bass. The camp is for adults who have their basic instrument skills in place but want to improve their bluegrass playing and singing. Instrument lessons, ensemble practice, mini-classes and jamming are included in the two days of music making. Class size is limited to around 10.

The camp will again utilize the expertise of the festival performers. This year the teaching staff are members of Missouri's Cedar Hill Bluegrass Band. Instructors include Frank Ray (mandolin), Kenny Cantrell (banjo), Lisa Ray (fiddle), Ali Keisler (guitar), and Mel Beshar (bass).

Tuition cost for the camp is \$100 prior to June 30 and \$130 after that date. State park entrance and camping fees are charged for those staying on site.

Sponsors for the camp are North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department; Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association of North Dakota; Northwest Music, Minot; and Eckroth Music, Bismarck.

For more information and a camp registration packet call (701) 838-1061 or e-mail John.Andrus@sendit.nodak.edu. Registration materials are also available at Northwest Music in Minot and Eckroth Music in Bismarck.